COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, April 28th, 1884.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Hyman, Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Beattie, Hewitt, Stringer, Skinner, Niven, O'Meara, Becher, Scarrow, Cowan, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Provincial Board of Health—Copy of bill respecting public health. Board of Health.

Mrs. Alla Wesson—Complaint re her husband's income assessment. No. 1.

Eleanor Scanlan—Protest against payment of sewer rate on Wellington street. No. 1.

Mayor Lilley, of London East—Asking that the city give water either for five or ten years, at 1⅓ rate.

Wm. Beck & Co., of Galt, asking that they be granted free water and exemption from taxation for five years, as an inducement to remove his works from Galt to this city. They offer to turn out 1,000 boxes per day. They agree to employ at least twenty hands. No. 1.

Graydon & Cox—Soliciting orders for a new city map. No. 1.

Cool Burgess—Asking at what rate the Council will grant the use of the City Hall for ten weeks, or longer if necessary. No. 1.

A. M. Arthur and others—Asking that William street, between Nelson and Trafalgar, be graded and otherwise repaired. No. 2.

Robt. McGurdy—Asking extension of time for tax payment. No. 1.

E. Meredith and 101 others—On behalf of Mrs. Mary Murray, who is unable to pay her taxes. No. 1.

C. Bricklin and eleven others—Asking that Richmond street be watered between Ann and Oxford streets. No. 3.

G. Shoff—Asking permission to enlarge his stall in the Market Bazar No. 3.

Jas. I. Anderson & Co. and others—Asking that Monday, May 26, be observed as a holiday in the city. Granted, and the Mayor was authorized to proclaim the day.

A. Dale, secretary Free Library Board—Asking that the Council levy a rate of half a mill on the dollar on the city's assessment for 1884 for Free Library purposes.

Francis Love, secretary of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society—Stating that they desire the use of part of the Fair Grounds at the latter part of August or the 1st of September for holding annual games and sports. No. 2, with power.

Wm. Elliott, Esq., and 50 others for a side-walk on Dufferin Avenue. No. 2.

NUNBER THREE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman.

1. Progress re petitions of Jas. Griffin, Chas. W. Kent and M. Baldwin, against street watering.

2. That this corporation grant Mr. Mitchell $100 in lieu of board and lodgings at Hospital, and that he be permitted to attend said hospital during the summer term under the supervision of the medical superintendent and members of the active staff.

3. Petition of F. Benson filed.

4. Communication from Mayor of London East referred to the Council.

5. That this corporation offer to water the two blocks from Adelaide street to the old Town Hall in London East for the sum of 7c per foot on each side of the street upon the corporation of London East passing bylaw guaranteeing payment of same.

6. That the tender of Wm. Ironsides to light, extinguish, and keep in repair the street lamps for one year for the sum of $4 per lamp, is recommended for acceptance and that the gas company be notified of this corporation's intention to light and extinguish their own lamps from and after May 15.

7. That rule No. 46 of the London General Hospital be amended by striking out the words "Three members to form a quorum," and substituting therefor the words "two members of said consulting staff and the surgeon in charge of the case to form a quorum." (b) That rule No. 52 be amended to read as follows: "That two members of the staff attend all medical and surgical cases in the hospital for the terms, as follows: The first term for six

months, from October 1 to March 31; second term from April 1 to June 30, and the third from July 1 to September 30. The Hospital Committee, previous to the 1st of October in each year, to name the members of the staff for duty during the different terms; lecturers of the Western University to have the privilege of the first term; that no member of said staff shall have the power to delegate his duties to another, except in in case of illness, and then only with the consent of the chairman or a member of No. 3 Committee, and should any member not attend within 30 days consecutively during his term the hospital may appoint another in his place; (e) That rule 63 be amended to read as follows: "That no member shall be liable to dissmissal or suspension by the Chairman of No. 3 Committee pending the meeting of the committee until a notice be sent him containing the charges against him in writing and a reasonable time be given him to appear on his own behalf."

Taken up clause by clause; 1st read. The Chairman read a letter from the City Solicitor stating that the Council had power, notwithstanding contra petitions, to order any street watered and charge for same by frontage tax. The Solicitor also stated that the Council had not power to charge itinerant doctors a license fee. Clause passed; 2nd read. On motion of Ald. Scarrow, discussion of the clause was deferred for the other hospital clauses.

Clause 3 passed and 4 read, also Mayor Lilley's letter. On motion the latter was heard in support of his request.

Ald. Becher moved and Ald. Niven seconded that water be granted to London East for ten years at a rate one-third higher than the rate from time to time paid by the city ratepayers during that period, whatever said rate may be, and that the agreement passed at the last meeting of Council be amended accordingly.

Clause five read and moved.

Ald. Becher raised the point that the city could not legally enter into a contract such as indicated in the clause. The Mayor sustained the point. Clause struck out.

Ald. Stringer then moved, seconded by Ald. Niven, that London East be granted water for street watering at the rate of 5c per linealfoot on each side of the street for the season, London East to have the option in case the bylaw is carried, to water the street in accordance with the terms of the contract. Carried.

Clause 6 read and adopted.

Clause 2, re the $100 grant to Mr. Mitchell, read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that a special committee, consisting of Ald. Becher, Hunt, Stringer, Beattie and the mover, be appointed to take into consideration all matters contained in the report of No. 3 Committee and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Clause two, regarding the $100 asked for Mr. Mitchell in lieu of board and lodgings in the hospital, was then moved for adoption.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, and Ald. Beattie seconded, that clause two be struck out and that the agreement of the city with the Western University regarding keeping a student be adhered to

The amendment was then voted down and motion adopting the clause put.

Ald. Becher raised the point of order that the Council had no power to grant $100, as proposed in the clause.

The Mayor ruled that the clause was in order and the point not well taken.

Ald. Birrell moved in amendment that the matter be referred to No. 1 Committee to report funds. Ald. Becher seconded. Carried.

Clause 7, sub-section (a) read and passed (b) read and moved.

Ald. Beattie moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Becher, that all the words after the word "term" be struck out of rule 52: and the following words be substituted therefore, "In the event of absence or sickness of any member of the staff, he shall have the power, upon a notification being sent to the chairman of the Hospital Committee and the Medical Superintendent, to send a legally-qualified practitioner to take his place, the attendance of the said substitute not to extend beyond 30 days, except with the consent of the Hospital Committee. Should any member not attend, except in case of sickness or absence or sickness while on duty, within 30 consecutive days, the Hospital Committee may appoint another in his place." Carried.

Sub-section (c) read and moved. Ald. Beattie moved in amendment seconded by Ald. Becher that the words, "or medical superintendent," be struck out.

Ald. Hewett said if all authority was given the medical staff they might as well dispense with the Superintendent.

Drs. McEdwards and Brown were heard.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, and it was seconded, by Ald. Beattie that rule 48 be amended as follows: That the words "Whenever the officer in charge or the Medical Superintendent," be struck out and the following words substituted: "Whenever the members of the staff in attendance and the Medical Superintendent or the majority of them." Carried.

Moved by Ald. Beattie, that the following rule be added: "That out patients, except in case of emergency, be required to attend at 2 p.m., to be prescribed for by a member of the staff on duty and the Medical Superintendent." Ald. Stringer seconded. Carried.

Report as amended adopted.

THE SIGN BYLAW.

A large deputation of merchants appeared, protesting that it was unfair to compel one citizen to keep the bylaw and allow another to escape. Messrs. Stevely and Trebilcock were heard.

Ald. Becher and O'Mara—Motion that the sign question be referred to No. 2 to report, and that the Police Magistrate be requested in the meantime to adjourn the cases pending against merchants for violating the bylaw.

Ald. Birrell moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that the Council proceed to the next order of business. Lost. Yeas, Ald. Birrell and Scarrow; nays, Ald. Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Hewett, Niven and Becher. Motion carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

By Ald. Cowan, chairman.

1. Recommending the appointment of James F. Cattermole, M.D., as health officer for one year from the 21st April at a salary not to exceed $300 per annum.

Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment that the clause be struck out, and Ald. Becher seconded.

Amendment carried. Yeas—Ald. Birrell, Skinner, Hewett, Stringer, Scarrow and Becher. Nays—Ald. Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, and Niven.

EIGHTH REPORT OF NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hewett, chairman:

1. Payment of rolls and accounts to the amount of $1,802 85.

2. Recommend the following tenders for acceptance: Sime & Webb, sweeping block pavement, $4 50 per trip; Paul Phipps, asphalt walks, 44 cents per yard; James M. Drummond, block crossings, 92 cents per yard; stone crossings and gutters, 17 cents per yard; Ferguson Bros., lumber, $14 per 1,000 feet up to 16 feet, and up to 18 feet $16, and $1 extra for every 2 feet additional length in feet; James Wright & Co., nails, $3 per keg of 100 lbs.

3. That the cow bylaw be rigidly enforced south of Grosvenor street.

4. Your committee visited on the 17th inst. the different gravel pits owned by Messrs. Leonard, Bricklin, Mitcheltree and James, and would recommend the purchase of Chas. Bricklin's gravel pit, containing ten acres, at $3,500; we also visited, on the 25th inst., the Reddick property, and found it entirely barren of gravel; we received the offer of a lot, 310x100 feet, on Wellington street, in rear of the Protestant Home property, for $2,000, or a lease for ten years for $1,500 cash, with the privilege of removing all stone and gravel.

Clauses one and two adopted and three read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Birrell and Hunt—An amendment that the clause be struck out. The vote resulted in the following division: Yeas, Ald. Birrell, Beattie and Hunt; nays, O'Meara, Cowan, Scarrow, Niven and Becher.

The members for No. 3 Ward, Ald. Skinner, Stringer and Hewett asked to be excused from voting, but on the casting vote of the Mayor their request was not granted. Ald. Skinner and Stringer voted "yea" and Ald. Hewett "nay," this voting down the amendment.

Ald. Skinner and Becher moved in amendment that Cheapside be substituted for Grosvenor.

Ald. Birrell then moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Beattie, that the limit be brought down to Dundas street. Lost on the following division:—Yeas—Birrell, Beattie and Hunt; nays—balance of the Council.

Ald. Hunt moved in amendment to the amendment, and it was seconded, that the northern limit be Grosvenor and the southern limit Horton street. Lost on the following division:—Yeas—Ald. Birrell, Beattie and Hunt; nays—balance of the Council.

The amendment changing the limit to Cheapside street was carried.

Ald. Scarrow and Niven—That Wm. Taylor be appointed a special constable to enforce the cow bylaw under the Police Commissioners' regulations.

Ald. Beattie moved in amendment, and it was seconded, that no officer be appointed. Lost.

Ald. Stringer and Hewett—That Wm. Mason be appointed a special constable. Lost.

Ald. Becher and Stringer—Motion that the Police Commissioners be requested to appoint two special constables to enforce the bylaw.

Ald. O'Meara and Cowan—That one man only be appointed. Lost, and motion carried.

The clause re gravel pits was then read and moved for adoption.

Ald. Cowan and Skinner—That the clause be referred back to committee. Carried.

SEVENTH REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman:

1. Payment of the following accounts:

Hospital—	
Samuel Brooks	$ 6 00
Plastow Bros	350 00
	$ 356 00
Fire Department—	
Gutta Percha and Rubber Company	237 50
John A. Roe	10 75
Pay sheet	323 31
Essex, Dunn & Co.	47 56
John Law	8 75
P. Edwards	5 00
	$ 632 86
Gas account	1,809 22
Incidental—	
Wm. Bell, milk tester	75

A. Maddon	1 50
	$ 2 25

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

Pay sheet, April 12	196 71
Pay sheet, April 18	217 58
Pay sheet, April 24	560 77
William street sewer	300 00
Ridout street sewer	200 00
Sewer inspection	22 00
Albert street sewer	500 00
Sas. Cassidy	2 50
	$1,999 56
Courthouse and jail	1,656 33
ADVERTISER Printing Company	183 23
Total	$6,639 46

2. That the petition of Mrs. Mackay for rebate on arrears of taxes be granted by accepting the payment of $90 in full for claim, on condition that the claim be paid within ten days.

3. Your committee beg to report on the clause of your No. 3 Committee's report referred to them, that in view of the extra expenditure of this year, and your committee's anxiety to keep down the assessment of 1884 to 20 mills on the dollar, your committee recommend the Council to postpone the expenditure for steam-heating at the hospital until next year.

4. That the petition of C. E. Sterling, error in assessment, be granted, and that income tax wrongly charged be struck off.

5. Your committee beg to report progress in the petitions of S. Mills, Johanna Kelly and W. J. Element.

6. That the communication of J. K. Clare, re income tax, be filed.

Received and adopted.

A BYLAW.

Ald. Hunt submitted a bylaw, which was passed, providing for watering certain streets.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

The request from the Free Library Board was referred to No. 1 Committee to report funds.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. Hunt—That the present bylaw appointing six medical gentlemen as voluntary staff in the hospital be rescinded and another substituted, increasing the number to twelve, and the terms of service in said hospital be three for each term of three months.

Ald. Stringer—That twenty additional gas lamps be placed in the city where required.

Ald. Cowan—That in compliance with the requirements of the Public Health Act, a local Board of Health be appointed.

Ald. Becher—That it be referred to No. 1 Committee to inquire and report as to the sale of the Exhibition Grounds, and removal of the buildings and to purchase of other grounds for exhibition purposes.

Adjourned for three weeks.